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CONSULTATIONS ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS

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1. EMBASSY IS AWARE FROM PREVIOUS REFTELS THAT U.S. TEAM
WILL BE MEETING WITH U.K. REPS ON JANUARY 9 TO DISCUSS
ILLICIT PAYMENTS. IN THIS CONNECTION EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE
THAT EB DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY CHARLES MEISSNER HELD
INFORMAL TALKS ON NOVEMBER 28 WITH THOMAS MCNALLY SPECIAL
ASSISTANT TO THE PRIME MINISTER WHICH ALSO INCLUDED SOME
DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, MEISSNER WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY
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CONTACTING MCNALLY TO REINFORCE IMPORTANCE WHICH USG
ATTACHES TO THE ILLICIT PAYMENTS ISSUE AND TO PRODUCTIVE
DISCUSSIONS WITH U.K. ON JANUARY 9. REQUEST EMBASSY RELAY
PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM MEISSNER ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

-- THE U.S. AND U.K. HAVE SCHEDULED BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS
ON ILLICIT PAYMNTS IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE WITH

PLIATZKY FOR JANUARY 9 AT 11:00 A.M. DELEGATION WILL BE
HEADED BY MARK FELDMAN, DEPUTY LEGAL ADVISER.

-- RECALLING OUR CONVERSATION ON NOVEMBER 28 ON ILLICIT

PAYMENTS AND THE INTEREST YOU EXPRESSED IN THE PROBLEM,
WE WOULD WELCOME PARTICIPATION OF YOURSELF OR INFORMED
OFFICIAL IN PM'S OFFICE AT THE CONSULTATIONS TO
BROADEN DISCUSSIONS ON THE ISSUE.

-- DELEGATION PLANS TO BRING PAPER ON THE EXCHANGE OF
INFORMATION CONCERNING AGENTS' FEES PROMISED TO THE U.K.
DELEGATION AT WASHINGTON TALKS AS WELL AS OTHER IDEAS
DESIGNED TO MOVE NEGOTIATIONS FORWARD. VANCE

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